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Several thousand people march in the street to protest against public health measures and mask regulations in Montreal on Saturday, June 5, 2021. PHOTO BY ALLEN MCINNIS /Montreal Gazette

Chanting “liberté, liberté, liberté,” several thousand protesters marched north on St-Laurent Blvd. on Saturday afternoon to denounce public health restrictions during the pandemic.

Few, if any, of the protesters wore masks, and many carried signs accusing Quebec Premier François Legault of imposing draconian measures during the pandemic even as the government is now easing restrictions amid falling COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.



“There is no pandemic,” Frank, a military veteran and one of the organizers of the protest, said in a brief interview during the march.

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Frank, who was decked out in military fatigues and who didn't want his last name published, said he was providing security for the march.

The protest, organized under the motto of “my body, my choice,” drew a diverse group of people, including young parents with their children (none wearing masks), 5G conspiracy theorists, anti-vaxxers, motorcycle gang members and right-wing extremists.

The march ended with a rally at Jarry Park just before 6 p.m. Sgt. Emmanuel Anglade, a spokesperson for the Montreal police department, said no arrests were made during the protest.

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